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SUBJECT: SUSPECT ARRESTED IN CASE OF MURDERED POLICEMAN

REF: A) ZAGREB 466, B) ZAGREB 472

1. ZAGREB PRESS OF JUNE 10 CARRIES BRIEF STATEMENT OF SECRETARIAT FOR INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF CITY OF ZAGREB WHICH REPORTS THAT ARREST HAS BEEN MADE IN CASE OF MURDERED POLICEMAN (REFTELS). STATEMENT SAYS THAT SUSPECT WAS ARRESTED SIX DAYS AGO ON JUNE 4, BUT PROVIDES NO FURTHER DETAILS ABOUT IDENTITY OF SUSPECT OR MOTIVE.

2. PUBLIC STATEMENT PARTIALLY CONFIRMS REPORT RECEIVED BY CONGEN OFFICER ON JUNE 9 FROM CROATIAN LAWYER. THE LAWYER, A MODERATE CROATIAN NATIONALIST, SAID THAT AUTHORITIES HAD SUSPECT IN CUSTODY BUT HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN CONFESSION. ACCORDING TO THE LAWYER, WHO CLAIMED TO HAVE SEEN THE STATEMENT OF ONE OF THE WITNESSES AND TALKED WITH POLICEMAN INVOLVED IN THE CASE, THE KILLING HAD NO POLITICAL MOTIVE. HE ALSO DISCOUNTED STORIES OF "USTASHI STYLE" EXECUTION AND SAID THAT MURDER SUSPECT WAS "MENTALLY DERANGED." THE LAWYER COMMENTED THAT RUMORS ABOUT VARIOUS MOTIVES FOR THE KILLING SHOWED THE EFFORTS OF BOTH PRO
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AND ANTI-GOVERNMENT FORCES TO USE THE MURDER OF POLICEMAN FOR THEIR OWN ADVANTAGE.

3. COMMENT: THE DETAILS OF MURDER CASE ARE STILL UNCLEAR. HOWEVER, THE CASE DEMONSTRATES THAT IN A SOCIETY WHERE THE DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION IS OFTEN TIGHTLY CONTROLLED, RUMOR AND SPECULATION WILL ARISE TO FILL THE VOID. THE DELAY IN

ANNOUNCING THE ARREST OF A SUSPECT, FOR EXAMPLE, LIKELY WILL
GENERATE A NEW ROUND OF STORIES. KAISER

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